

Minutes of March 26, Youth Council Meeting held at Stockman's in Ft. Duchesne

Attending: Jack Bell, Keith Nielson, Matt Watkins, Jill Goodman, Ron Tollefson, Barbara Aker, Russell King, Margo Weeks, Kathy Deets, Toni Ansel, Tracy Parrish, Joanna Reed, Joann Smuin, Casey Peterman, Connie Perry, Beth Murphy, Jane Gurr, Joannie Wells

Guests: Edwin Butterfield, Fred & Alicia Butterfield, Scott Forsyth, David Brotherson.

Jill welcomed everyone, introductions.

Minutes were reviewed & approved.

Roosevelt DWS (Jane Gurr) recognized Edwin Butterfield as the successful youth for the month. Edwin is a Senior at Union High School. Edwin is involved in FBLA, Youth City Council, on the Soccer Team, Sterling Scholar, sings with the Stage Lites and 1st youth to make it to All State Band, to mention a few accomplishments. Edwin is currently participating in an Internship with Scott Forsyth. He has had the opportunity to conduct in front of an audience, and help other youth on an individual basis with music. He has a great love and talent for music, he has been auditioning for different colleges, as he wants to pursue music education and someday teach in a professional setting. He plays the Flute, Clarinet, and 4 different Saxophones.

Tracy Parish provided update from Roosevelt EC, Gaylinn Frandson will no longer be working with youth she has a new job description, Joanna Reed will now be joining us at Youth Council-Welcome.

In School	Out of School	Foster Care/ Transition	Follow-Up	Total Youth	WBL
3	10	5	9	22	166

Kathy reported for Vernal office:

In School	Out of School	Foster Care/ Transition	Follow-Up	Total Youth	WBL
3	15	4	14	32	

Barbara Aker from DSPD (Division of Services for People with Disabilities) provided a handout and gave a presentation as to what their agency is and does.

Serve people ages 0 to death. Potential customers are placed on a waiting list, they could be there for years, as placement goes by severity not where they are on the waiting list.

Some services provided

Support Coordination: Intake, Assessment, Service & Program Planning

Residential Services: Supervised Apartments, Supported Living, Professional Parent Home, etc.

Family support & Respite: Individualized Training, Counseling

Day Services: Self -help Skills, Social & communication Skills,

Supported Employment: Job development placement, Mobile Work Crew

Ron T. added it is a very rewarding job.

Discussed and went over changes that have been made to the Prioritization List, a youth must score 17 overall points to be eligible. Various category points have been adjusted according to local needs. It was mentioned that the Refugee & Veteran categories had only one point - we have never served a Refugee, & if we serve a Veteran, we have another program to pull from. We still feel like we will be able to serve our youth as our current youth being served scored an average of 16 priority points.

Group approved new Priority Points.

Margo Weeks: April 24, 11:00-4:00, Job Fair held at the Western park. It will target youth for summer employment. Working with the High School to provide incentives for attendance. Different Universities will be there as well as all branches of the military.

Jane Gurr: Tribe is sponsoring a "Career Fair" at Uintah River High School, April 24 10:00-3:00, members only, parents encouraged to attend with their student.

Just completed "Reality Town" great community involvement.

May 2, Jr. High Career Fair

"Construction Day" fair coming up in Farmington @ the fairground. Jane reports these have been very worthwhile in the past. Youth get *hands* on experience.

"Health Fair" coming in June, held for 1 week @ SUU. Food & Housing included in the cost, Hospitals are willing to sponsor youth. Any youth in a health track would benefit from this experience. JoJo is taking a group from Vernal & also stops in Roosevelt.

Beth Murphy: Numbers are currently down in DT.

Jack Bell: No new monies approved for guidance.

Matt Watkins: FYI-anyone having the right background, having interest, is needed at DCFS!! They are currently down 5 or 6 Social Workers.

Toni Ansel: Uintah River had a lay off due to contracts, 23 staff were let go.

Presented "Release of Student Information" Jack & Margo, will go to the school districts and see if they would be willing to have parents & students sign when they drop out of school. Giving us permission to then contact them and offer our services.

Next meeting, April 23, in Vernal, info on location to follow.